

## **Annual Council – 23rd May 2011**

### **Appointment of Leader of the Council**

#### **1. Summary of report**

To advise the Council of the position relating to this matter.

#### **2. Recommendations**

That Council appoint a Leader under the provisions of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007.

#### **3. Background information**

- 3.1 At the Annual Meeting of the Council held on 26th May 2010, Councillor Bird was elected Leader under the new provisions of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, as adopted by Council on 21st December 2009. The provisions of this Act provide that the Executive Leader's term of office starts on the day of his election (as Leader) by Council and ends on the day when the Council holds its first annual meeting after the Leader's normal day of retirement as a Councillor.
- 3.2 In practice therefore a Leader will hold office up until the Annual meeting of the Council held immediately after his term of office as a Councillor comes to an end, irrespective of whether or not he is re-elected in those elections. This means that a Leader of the Council could hold office for a period of time between one and four years depending upon the timing of his election to Council in the council's normal electoral cycle.
- 3.4 Other events which would affect a Leader's term of office could be their disqualification or resignation as a Councillor or as Leader. The Council's Constitution includes rules for the removal of a Leader and these can be invoked at any point during the four year term.
- 3.5 Under normal circumstances it would not be expected that an agenda item to appoint a Leader of the Council will appear on any future Council Summons until such time as the Leader's term of office ends or any other intervening circumstance.

#### **Background papers**

Nil

Signed:

Chief Executive

Date: 13th May 2011